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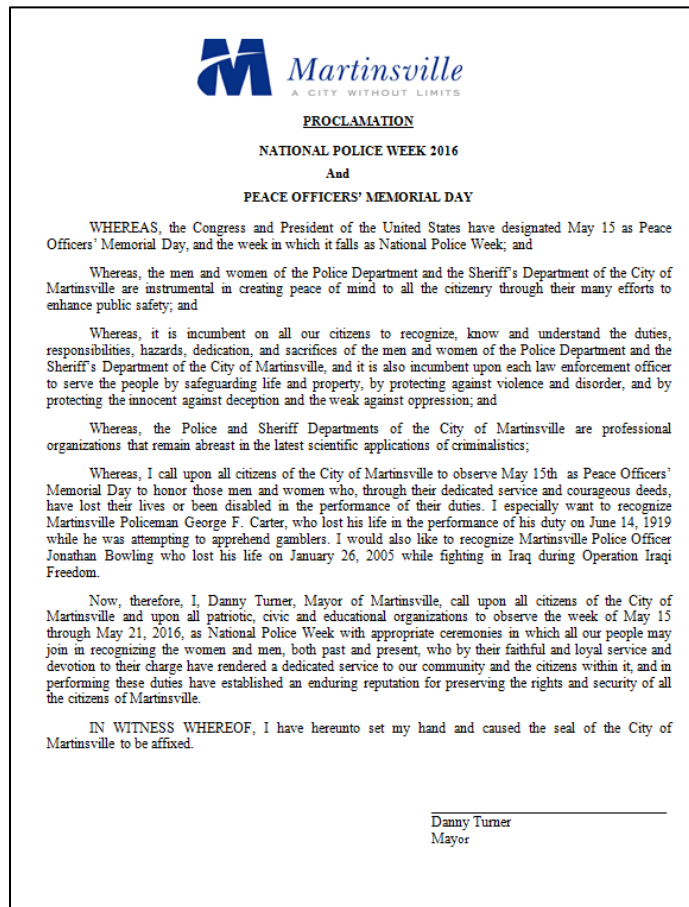
The regular meeting of the Council of the City of Martinsville, Virginia, was held on May 10, 2016, in Council Chambers, Municipal Building, at 7:30 PM with Mayor Danny Turner presiding. Council Members present included Danny Turner, Jennifer Bowles, Gene Teague, Mark Stroud and Sharon Brooks Hodge. Staff present: City Manager Leon Towarnicki, Assistant City Manager Wayne Knox, Clerk of Council Karen Roberts, Finance Director Linda Conover, Commissioner of Revenue Ruth Easley, Police Chief Sean Dunn and IT Director Esther Artis.

Mayor Turner called the meeting to order. Following the invocation by Council Member Teague and Pledge to the American Flag, Mayor Turner welcomed everyone to the meeting.

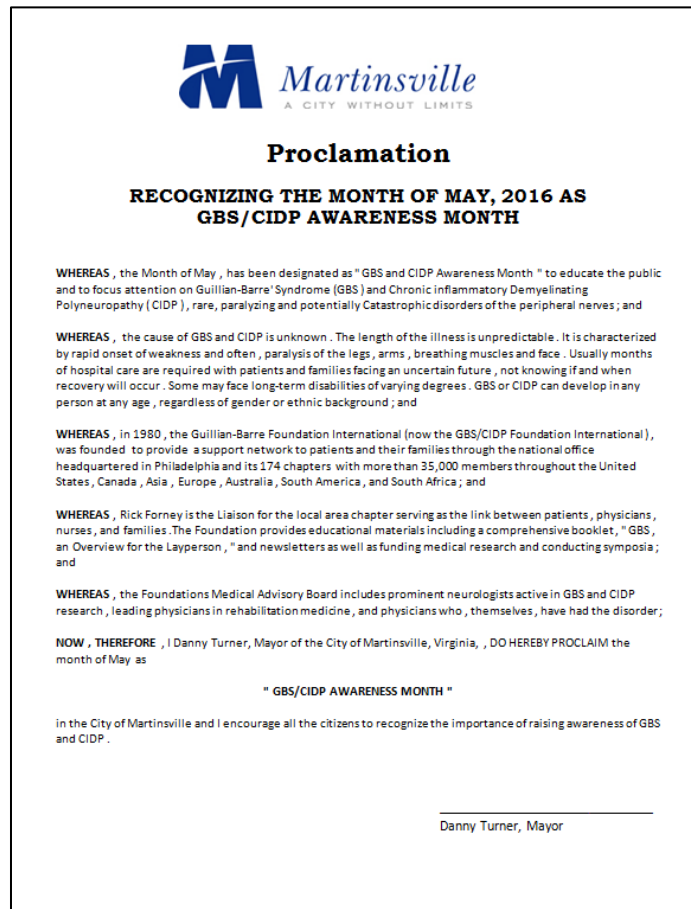
Consider providing assistance to the Henry-Martinsville Health Department in regard to implementation of several capital projects at the facility on Commonwealth Boulevard – City Manager Towarnicki explained that the Health Department had three projects that they are requesting the City's assistance including an addition to the parking area, remodeling of the lobby area and replacing aged heating and air conditioning equipment. The City contracts for the work, hires the contractors and pays the invoices then the Health Department refunds the costs. Ann Lovett was present to answer any questions. Council Member Teague made a motion to provide assistance as outlined in the addendum. Council Member Hodge seconded the motion with all Council Members voting in favor to provide assistance.

Consider approval of minutes of the April 18, 19 and 21, 2016 Work Sessions, April 25, 2016 Neighborhood Meeting and April 26, 2016 Meeting – Vice Mayor Bowles made a motion to approve all minutes as presented. Council Member Teague seconded the motion with all Council Members voting in favor to approve the minutes.

Consider presentation of a Proclamation regarding National Police Week 2016 and Peace Officers' Memorial Day – Council Member Stroud read the proclamation and presented it to Police Chief Dunn who thanked Council Members for the recognition on behalf of the Martinsville Police Department.



Consider recognizing the month of May, 2016 as GBS/CIDP (Guillian-Barre Syndrome and Chronic Inflammatory Demyelinating Polyneuropathy (CIDP) awareness month – Council Member Teague read the proclamation and Mayor Turner presented it to Rick Forney, local GBS/CIDP liaison. Mr. Forney shared his story with Council. He thanked Council for the Proclamation and allowing him to speak on the syndrome, stating there is so much about GBS/CIDB that is not known.



Consider recognizing the Martinsville-Henry County chapter of National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE) – Council Member Hodge read the Proclamation and presented it to Helen Howell, founder of the local NSBE chapter and to the students in attendance. Ms. Howell thanked Council. She explained the Nascar theme chosen this year and introduced the team coaches. Lex Hairston explained the procedure and said that the participants were very successful. Bryan Rucker, Male Student of the Year was introduced and thanked Ms. Howell for her guidance.



Proclamation

HONORING THE MARTINSVILLE -HENRY COUNTY CHAPTER OF NATIONAL SOCIETY OF BLACK ENGINEERS (NSBE)

WHEREAS, the Martinsville-Henry County Chapter of National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE) has been in existence since 1999 and during that time has helped encourage hundreds of local students to succeed personally, academically, and professionally; and

WHEREAS, the mission of M-HC NSBE is *"To increase the number of culturally responsible Black engineers who excel academically, succeed professionally and positively impact the community"*; and

WHEREAS, Helen Howell founded the local chapter and has served as its Director for the past seventeen years; and

WHEREAS, during that time, the local NSBE Chapter has accumulated numerous awards and recognitions, the most recent of which is the National Chapter of the Year along with local Martinsville High School student Bryan Rucker being named Male Student of the Year;

NOW, THEREFORE, on this 10th day of May, 2016, I, Danny Turner, Mayor, and members of Martinsville City Council do hereby proclaim and acknowledge with great pride, the success and achievements of the Martinsville-Henry County Chapter of National Society of Black Engineers; offer our congratulations on the most recent achievement of being named National Chapter of the Year as well as congratulations to Bryan Rucker named as Male Student of the Year; offer our thanks and appreciation to Helen Howell for her continued guidance and leadership of M-HC NSBE, and offer our best wishes for the continued success of the Chapter as well as students who participate in this program.

Danny Turner, Mayor

Hear an update from Amanda Witt of the Martinsville-Henry County Chamber of Commerce regarding activities related to the City/C-PEG Small Business Development contract – Witt updated Council on Small Business and Entrepreneurial Incentives Strategic Marketing Priorities. She explained the contractual agreement and the strides C-PEG has made to advance the City's desired key outcomes and the marketing plan. She described the growth of the incubator and visits made to other Incubators and Farmers Markets to see what makes those successful. They are planning Start Up Martinsville year two and continue to work with those who participated in year one including those who did not received rewards. She explained how they would measure growth using 2015-2016 as a benchmark. Council Members thanked Ms. Witt and C-PEG for their partnership and excelling in what Council has asked of them. Witt thanked City Manager Towarnicki and City Departments for their cooperation.

Consider setting public hearing for Council's May 24, 2016 meeting for the purpose of receiving names of citizens interested in an appointment for one 3-year term on the Martinsville City School Board, beginning July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2019 – City Manager Towarnicki explained that a public hearing is needed at the next Council meeting. Those residents who are interested in a position on the School Board must stand and express their interest or be named during the public hearing. Council Members would then interview

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those candidates. Vice Mayor Bowles made a motion to set the public hearing for May 24, 2016. Council Member Hodge seconded the motion with all Council Members voting in favor.

SCHOOL BOARD			
<p>SCHOOL BOARD – The School Board is declared a body corporate. In its corporate capacity, it is vested with all the powers and charged with all the duties, obligations, and responsibilities upon school boards by law. It may sue, be sued, contract, be contracted with, and in accordance with the provisions of this title, purchase, take, hold, lease, and convey school property both real and personal. The School Board has the following powers and duties: 1) to make rules for the governance of the schools within its jurisdiction; 2) to determine the curriculum, methods of teaching, methods of administration and governance, and the length of the school term; 3) to employ and dismiss teachers upon the recommendation of the superintendent; 4) to suspend or expel pupils when necessary; 5) to establish such schools as are necessary in the judgement of the Board to so constitute a complete and efficient system; 6) to control and manage funds made available to the Board for the purpose of conducting free public schools; 7) examine all claims for payment and authorize payment; and 8) to submit annually to City Council a budget request.</p> <p>TERMS: The Board consists of five members serving three-year terms appointed by City Council. School Board members can serve a maximum of three 3-year consecutive terms.</p> <p>Meetings are held on the second Monday of each month.</p> <p>CONTACT: Ms. Pam Heath, Superintendent, 403-5700, P.O. Box 5548, Martinsville, VA 24115</p>			
Name & Address	Initial Appointment	Term Expires	Full Term
Rives Coleman, 603 Mulberry Rd.	6/25/13	6/30/16	1
Craig B. Dietrich, 1227 Lanier Rd. (reaptd 6/10/14)	6/14/11	6/30/17	2
Victor Correa, 1242 Sam Lions Tr.	6/10/14	6/30/17	1
Lawrence Mitchell, 700 Second St.	6/16/15	6/30/18	1
Joan Montgomery, 807 Corn Tassel Tr.	6/16/15	6/30/18	1

11/03/15

NOTE: If a Board or Commission does not specify number of terms a person can serve, then the number of terms defaults to three terms per a policy adopted by City Council December 11, 1990. (per city attorney 4/26/11) Two exceptions (1) if no one is interested (2) no one qualified has applied, then the person holding the position can serve another term if Council chooses.

Consider approval of FY17 budget on second reading – City Manager Towarnicki briefly summarized the proposed budget and the steps that had been taken to date with requested cuts and changes. Council Member Teague made a motion to adopt the budget on second reading. Vice Mayor Bowles seconded the motion. Mayor Turner asked the City Manager and City Attorney to relook at reversion. A roll call vote was held: Hodge, aye; Turner, aye, Stroud, aye; Teague, aye; and Bowles, aye.

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CITY OF MARTINSVILLE, VIRGINIA
ORDINANCE No. 2016-U-
The Budget for Fiscal 2016-2017

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Martinsville, Virginia, in regular session assembled May 10, 2016, that the following sums of money be and hereby are appropriated – by specified Fund – for the City's fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, from the following Fund sources of estimated revenue:

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF BUDGET ESTIMATES 2016-2017			
Fund	Projected Revenues	Budgeted Expenditures	Changes in Fund Balance
General	\$ 28,101,916	\$ 30,242,117	\$(2,140,221)
Meals Tax	\$ 2,068,373	\$ 2,468,373	\$ (400,000)
Capital Reserve	\$ 891,018	\$ 931,117	\$ (39,999)
Refuse	\$ 2,202,000	\$ 2,430,000	\$ (228,000)
Telecommunications	\$ 1,666,423	\$ 1,416,014	\$ 250,411
Water	\$ 3,591,000	\$ 2,764,837	\$ 826,163
Sewer	\$ 4,210,512	\$ 3,974,277	\$ 236,235
Electric	\$ 19,824,740	\$ 20,374,740	\$ (450,000)
Cafeteria*	\$ 1,464,085	\$ 1,464,085	\$ -
Schools**	\$ 22,993,538	\$ 22,993,538	\$ -
CDBG	\$ 17,030	\$ 2,550	\$ 14,530
Totals	\$ 87,147,687	\$ 89,067,088	\$(1,904,401)

*Cafeteria – As estimated by school personnel.

**Schools – As recommended by City Manager.

Tax Rates (unchanged):

Real Estate: \$1.0621 per \$100 assessed value
Personal Property: \$2.30 per \$100 assessed value
Machinery & Tools: \$1.83 per \$100 assessed value

Proposed for Electric:

Average Increase 4.97%

Proposed for Water:

\$3 per month

Proposed for Sewer:

\$3 per month

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Council that this Ordinance shall be effective on and after July 1, 2016.

Attest:

Karen Roberts, Clerk of Council

Date Adopted

Date Effective

Consider approval of consent agenda - A motion was made by Teague and seconded by Stroud to approve the consent agenda as presented, all Council Members voted in favor.

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BUDGET ADDITIONS FOR 05/10/16				
ORG	OBJECT	DESCRIPTION	DEBIT	CREDIT
FY16				
General Fund:				
01100909	490137	Recovered Costs - Public Safety		8,491
01331108	501200	Sheriff/Corrections - Overtime	7,177	
01331108	502100	Sheriff/Corrections - Social Security	445	
01331108	502110	Sheriff/Corrections - Medicare	104	
01311085	501200	Police Department - Overtime	710	
01311085	502100	Police Department - Social Security	44	
01311085	502110	Police Department - Medicare	11	
		Off Duty Security reimbursements		
01100908	480406	Miscellaneous Revenues - Donations/Recreation		550
01711210	506007	Recreation - Equipment & Supplies	550	
		Team Sponsor donations		
01100909	490104	Advance/Recovered Costs		1,675
01321102	506130	Fire Dept. - Repair & Maint. -Burn Building	1,675	
		Reimbursements for training supplies		
Total General Fund:			10,716	10,716
School Operating Fund:				
18101917	404002	Categorical Other State - Other State Funds		62,500
66101100	561120	Non-remedial Summer Programs - Instructional S &'	26,248	
66101100	562100	Non-remedial Summer Programs - Social Security	1,627	
66101100	562150	Non-remedial Summer Programs - Medicare	381	
66101100	565800	Non-remedial Summer Programs - Miscellaneous	480	
66101100	564000	Non-remedial Summer Programs - Internal Services	3,300	
66101100	566000	Non-remedial Summer Programs - Materials & Supp	8,964	
66101100	566013	Non-remedial Summer Programs - Instructional Mat	21,500	
		Additional funding for non-remedial summer programs		
Total School Operating Fund:			62,500	62,500
Sewer Fund:				
13103936	407700	Indebtedness - VRA Loan Proceeds		562,921
13551326	508224	Wastewater Maintenance - SRI Project - Phys. Plan	562,921	
		VRA Reimbursement #1		
Total Sewer Fund:			562,921	562,921
Water Fund:				
12103936	407701	Indebtedness - Loan Proceeds		423,029
12543313	508223	AMI Project - Physical Plant Expansion	423,029	
		AMI Project Reimbursement Requisition #1		
Total Water Fund:			423,029	423,029
Electric Fund:				
14103936	407701	Indebtedness - Loan Proceeds		250,157
14563338	508223	AMI Project - Physical Plant Expansion	250,157	
		AMI Project Reimbursement Requisition #1		
Total Electric Fund:			250,157	250,157

Comments by members of City Council – Hodge expressed concern about decisions that were made behind closed doors, stating that although Council passed the budget unanimously, that is not how government should work and the residents should know who made the proposal. Bowles congratulated those rewarded with the Start Up Martinsville program and said she was glad the budget was approved unanimously. Turner reminded residents of the ring ceremony for the MHS basketball team and the dedication ceremony of the scoreboards on May 22, 2016 at 5:00pm.

Comments by City Manager – City Manager Towarnicki mentioned the May 14th Spring Fling uptown from 9:00-2:00 and the National Club Baseball Tournament at Hooker field the coming weekend. He said there would be a Grand Opening of the Thomas P. Dalton Idea Center on May 19, 2016 and the Big M Awards at the Martinsville High School also on May 19 at 7:00pm. He also said that the contractors would begin to take down the Bethel Lane tank on Wednesday May 11, 2016.

City Attorney Monday said Carlisle School was recognized as the Best Private School in Southwest Virginia in Virginia Living Magazine.

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Business from the Floor *(not televised)* –

Helen Howell – would like a way to display the awards and storage of material for the National Society of Black Engineers local chapter. Mayor Turner is looking at fundraising efforts. Stroud asked how much space they would need. Howell said a classroom size area would be sufficient. This topic has been discussed and Hodge asked for a timeframe to settle that discussion. Towarnicki said they could look at the Housing Office as a possible location.

Patrick Wright – wanted to know if the City handled social security concerns for those affected by the Spruce Street Apartment fire.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Council Member Teague to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Council Member Hodge with all Council Members voting in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.

Karen Roberts
Clerk of Council

Danny Turner
Mayor